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LETTER DATED 22 JULY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NETHERLANDS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of the statement of the European Community and its member States on Yugoslavia, issued on 19 July 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter, and its annexes, circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English and French]

Statement of the European Community and its member States on Yugoslavia issued at The Hague and Brussels on 19 July 1991

The European Community and its member States welcome the news that the full Yugoslav State Presidency met on 18 July. They note the Presidency's decision to withdraw the Yugoslav People's Army from the territory of the republic of Slovenia and welcome this in so far as it expresses the commitment of all parties to refrain from the use of force.

They look forward to the Yugoslav State Presidency's meeting with the republican leaders in Ohrid on 22 July. They express the hope for an early start to the negotiations on the future of Yugoslavia.

The Community and its member States reaffirm once again that they are ready to provide, if so desired by the parties concerned, all assistance to support the negotiating process and a peaceful settlement of the current problems.